

Pennsylvania: 2022 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

4th Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Lancaster

(#4) A 3-month-old female child died on September 23, 2022, as a result of serious physical neglect. Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency indicated the report on November 23, 2022, naming the victim child's mother as the perpetrator. On the date of the incident, it was reported the victim child was choking and emergency medical services were contacted. The child was subsequently pronounced dead. The autopsy revealed the child died as a result of accidental asphyxiation. It was determined through the investigation that the mother was the sole caregiver of the child at the time of the incident. There were no other children in the home at the time of the incident and no services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the criminal investigation was pending. The family was previously known to child welfare.